



## A KISS ON THE KEPPIE

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*What gesture is sweeter than a tender kiss on the head of a baby or young child? How much is communicated in that kiss? Love, commitment, safety, affection, pride – all this and more can be transmitted in one simple act. And that kiss on the keppie – to borrow from the Yiddish – is very much a Jewish gesture.*

Our children are to be nurtured, protected, and prepared for life on their own while being treated gently and respect. The Hebrew phrase *l'dor v'dor* (“from one generation to the next”) concerns the responsibility we share to transmit the values, ideals, history, and connectedness of the Jewish people to all our children. The relationship that allows this transmission to take place successfully begins with the bonds of trust and affection young children develop with the adults who care for them.

Cuddle up on the couch and page through this book. As you look and read together, it's guaranteed you'll give your special little ones a kiss from time to time.

*A Kiss on the Keppie* shows that whether expressing joy in a family visit, pride at a developmental milestone, or the message that “I am here and all is well,” there's something essentially Jewish in “a kiss on the keppie.”

